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PRESS RELEASE

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT MAKES ARREST

(Baton Rouge, LA)—The Louisiana Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) arrested Frankie G. Bienemy of Baton Rouge on March 8, 2010. Bienemy was arrested on one count each of Felony Theft and Medicaid Fraud. She was booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison.

Bienemy was employed as a personal care attendant with Care, Inc. Bienemy was assigned to provide personal care services to an individual receiving Medicaid benefits. Between January 17, 2009 through March 30, 2009, Bienemy allegedly indicated on timesheets to her employer that she provided care for her client. However, MFCU Investigators allege she could not have provided care to the client because the client moved out of Baton Rouge. Based upon the allegedly fraudulent documentation submitted by Bienemy, Care, Inc. submitted claims to the Louisiana Medicaid Program which were paid.

Whoever commits the crime of Medicaid fraud shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, or may be fined not more than \$20,000.00 or both. Whoever commits the crime of theft when the misappropriation or taking amounts to a value of five hundred dollars or more shall be imprisoned, with or

without hard labor, for not more than ten years, or may be fined not more than three thousand dollars, or both.

If you suspect Medicaid Fraud, please contact our office at 888-799-6885.